

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Week ending March 29, 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Community Center

The Noon Rotary Club held their yearly recognition luncheon on Tuesday, March 27, for the Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, and Fort McDowell law enforcement officers and firefighters. Six awards given and over 80 people attended.

On Wednesday, March 28, the yearly Volunteer Appreciation Reception was held with a '50s theme and a live band. There were over 240 people in attendance and a great time was had by all.

The Fountain Hills Community Chorus will be holding their Spring Concert on Sunday, April 1, at 4:00 p.m. and on Monday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. We are expecting over 400 people for the Sunday performance.

Senior Services

On Tuesday, March 27, Senior Services hosted a "Golf Flexibility and Function" presentation by Jane Jackson, PTA of Spooner & Shaft Physical Therapy, with seven attendees.

On Thursday, March 29, we hosted an "Advice for a Healthy Heart" presentation by Dr. Zaki Lababidi, a local cardiologist, focusing on risk factors and screening. There were 36 attendees.

Home Delivered Meals

Staff is in the process of holding several sessions for small groups of HDM volunteers to come into the Community Center to fill out paperwork for the state mandated background checks. The paperwork must be notarized, which two Community Center staff Notary Publics have been doing to help keep the cost of this process at a minimum. Because of the background check requirement, there have been ten HDM volunteers that have chosen not to fill out the required paperwork and therefore will no longer be able to deliver meals for the program. By the end of the week we will have completed background check paperwork for 144 volunteers. The process to fill out the paperwork is taking 15-20 minutes to complete. At this point there are about 85 additional HDM volunteers that staff will need to schedule to complete phase I of this process.

Parks

The two plaque stands recognizing donors for the Abe Lincoln art piece were installed on Friday morning, March 23. The art piece is located on Saguaro Blvd. adjacent to the Teddy Roosevelt statue.

Recently repaired and reinstalled fountain pump #3 was pulled on Monday morning, March 26, by Precision Electric. The contractor took the pump back to the shop to troubleshoot and repair some mechanical issues. The pump removal will not affect the normal daily fountain operation, which is 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for 15 minutes at the top of each hour. No date was given at this time for the reinstallation of the pump.



The off-leash facility was closed all day on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27 and 28, for turf maintenance and general cleanup of the ramadas. The turf was aerated, fertilized, and top-dressed to fill in low spots and holes created by the pets. The ramadas, drinking fountains, and sidewalks were also cleaned prior to re-opening on Thursday morning, March 29, at 6:00 a.m.

An Eagle Scout project was completed at Golden Eagle Park by Nick Perreault during the school's Spring Break from March 14 to 16. The Eagle Scout installed plants and granite at the main parking lot entrance. The project included installing shrubs, cactus, groundcovers, flowers, and also several tons of Madison gold granite at the entrance areas. The new landscaping looks great and will bring more color to the main entrance of Golden Eagle Park. Thanks to Nick for his hard work and dedication to improve the park's appearance.

Recreation

Several Parks and Recreation staff attended the **Managing the Risks for Special Events** presentation on Tuesday, March 27, presented by the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool.

The **Art Docents** led a group of 60 fifth and sixth grade students from Four Peaks Elementary School on a tour of public art around the Centennial Circle on Wednesday, March 28.

The **Eggstravaganza** will be held this Saturday, March 31, at Golden Eagle Park, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Approximately 15,000 stuffed, plastic eggs will be spread on the three ball fields, with the traditional scramble starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. In addition to the eggs, the Noon Kiwanis will be hosting a pancake breakfast; there will be inflatable bouncers and cookies courtesy of McDowell Mountain Community Church; crafts by the Fountain Hills Branch Library; and Child ID kits by Farmers Insurance. Hoppy Bunny and Clucky Chicken will be there to greet the kids and take photos throughout the event. The Goyena Team-MCO Realty has been a proud sponsor of this event for the past ten years.

The **13th Annual Chester's Torch Ride for Arizona Special Olympics** will be passing through Fountain Hills in groups of 500, eastbound on Shea Blvd., from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. Delays of seven to nine minutes can be expected for those traveling east on Shea Blvd. during those hours. Residents are reminded to be aware of traffic restrictions and law enforcement during this event.

The **Paws Around the Fountain Pet Adopt-A-Thon**, presented by ADOG and PACC911, will be held on Sunday, April 1, at Fountain Park, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Planning

The sign ordinance review committee held the first of three, scheduled public open houses to present the sign ordinance to the public. Attendance was light. The next open houses are scheduled on April 11 and April 18.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement has opened 64 cases so far in the month of March.

Staff filed a long form complaint with the Prosecutor's office regarding an unpermitted home occupation. The property/business owner was given a significant length of time to come into compliance, but chose not to do so.

The incidence of weed complaints is on the rise. Weeds are not a violation of Town Code until they either exceed 24" or become a fire hazard.

Staff received a complaint regarding a resident burning debris in their back yard. Town Code prohibits burning any kind of refuse on a residential property, including tree trimmings. Burning of firewood in a fire pit designed for that use is permitted.

Building Safety

<u>Permits Issued</u>		<u>Applications Received</u>	
Addition/Remodel	4	Single Family	2
Tenant Improvement	1	Alteration/Remodel	4
Fence	3	Tenant Improvement	2
Pool	2	Pool	3
Gas	7	Water Heater	8
Electric	5	Fence	1
Solar	3	Solar	3
Water Heater	8	Gas	7
Sign	2	Electric	5
HVAC	1	Sign	3
Misc.	2	HVAC	1
Total	37	Misc.	2
		Total	41

GIS/CAD

The GIS/CAD Division responded to a number of requests from the public and other Town departments. Projects included preparing six aerial site plans, a graphic poster, and banner design prints for various Town department projects, events and meetings. Staff assisted the Maricopa County Assessor with five address corrections. Staff performed a final review of updated Fountain Hills Sanitary Sewer Underground Utility Atlas maps in CAD, incorporating the last two years of as built drawings and comments collected by the Sanitary District staff. Staff also continues updating the 2011 Land Use Analysis and Statistical Report and inserting the ongoing accident report log into Intersection Magic.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Finance

FY12-13 Budget Process – The final draft of the FY12-13 proposed budget document will be distributed to the Town Council, the public and posted on the Town’s website on or about April 1, 2012, as well as a link for citizens to provide comments or ask questions. During the March 20 budget meeting, the Town Council received an update on the projected revenues for next fiscal year including an expected increase in revenues by 10% over the current fiscal year; total General Fund revenues projected are \$13.7M (8% increase) and expenditures are currently programmed at \$13.6M (8% increase). The Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) revenue is not anticipated to decline as previously reported due to updated information from the Arizona Department of Transportation; projected revenues for HURF are \$1.4M with projected expenditures of \$1.4M. The public is encouraged to attend the meetings or provide feedback through the Town website.

Licensing—New Business Licenses: 12

In Town:

Ridgeview LP DBA Ridgeview Apartments – 13225 North Fountain Hills Blvd

Out of Town:

Enviro-Drill, Inc. – Phoenix, AZ

Linda Rodgers DBA Christian Rodgers Fine Art – San Diego, CA

Greg Patrice or Ben Meyerdirk DBA Southpaws – Harris, IA

Photo Manipulation Art & Framing – Carson, CA
Terracon Consultants, Inc. – Tempe, AZ
B A Goodman Enterprises Inc DBA Benny Goodman Collection – Cottonwood, AZ
Paul Gonzalez Stone Lamps DBA Paco Stone Lamps – Bellflower, CA
Earth Stone Water – Tempe, AZ
Marc’s Maintenance, LLC – Scottsdale, AZ
Bellago Development LLC – Mesa, AZ
5 Star Pools & Landscaping LLC – Gilbert, AZ

Information Technology

IT staff, as well as others from Administration, participated in the preparation of the annual volunteer reception that was a great success. Heather Ware did an outstanding job coordinating the event and many staff volunteers helped make it successful.